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My views on the Microsoft Settlement are expressed in the attached letter.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Justice Dept.
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to voice my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement that was reached in November. This settlement is fair and reasonable, and I am anxious to see this dispute resolved.

This settlement was reached after extensive negotiations. Microsoft ultimately agreed to additional terms than were actually at issue in the initial lawsuit, just to finish. In the end, Microsoft agreed to share more information with other companies, including certain internal interfaces in Windows and protocols implemented in Windows' operating system products. I feel that Microsoft has gone well beyond what should be expected of a company in a democracy to reach an agreement and settle the dispute.

Microsoft is a good company that designs good products. This litigation is a waste of resources, and I believe the ongoing litigation is having a significant negative effect on the economy. Please support the settlement and end this dispute. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Allen

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